

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR

April 17, 2007

9:00 a.m.

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The Chair called the meeting to order.

Present were Reps. Miller, Meadows, Bieda, Constan, Farrah, Hopgood, Lindberg, Wenke, LaJoy, Steil, Rick Jones,

Absent and excused: None.

Rep. Farrah moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held April 10, 2007. The motion prevailed.

The Chair laid before the Committee HB 4401 – Tobocman – Worker’s compensation disabilities; occupational cancer; provide presumption for certain firefighters.

The Chair recognized Rep. Tobocman, sponsor of HB 4401 to explain the bill.

The Chair recognized Paul Hufnagel from the Michigan Professional Firefighters Union who testified in support of HB 4401.

The Chair recognized Dr. Michael Levine, an occupational and environmental physician from Williamsburg, VA. Dr. Levine testified on behalf of the Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union in support of HB 4401.

The Chair recognized Todd Stanaway from the Westland Fire Department who testified in support of HB 4401. The Chair recognized Julie Stanaway who testified with her husband in support of HB 4401.

The Chair recognized Summer Minnick from the Michigan Municipal League who testified in opposition to HB 4401.

The Chair recognized Mike Forster, Administrator of the Michigan Municipal League Worker’s Compensation Group Insurance Fund who testified in opposition to HB 4401.

The Chair recognized David Bertram from the Michigan Townships Association who testified in opposition to HB 4401.

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The following people filled out testimony cards in support of HB 4401 but did not want to testify.

Robin Norton from the Department of Labor and Economic Development

Cliff Messing from the Michigan Volunteer Fire Fighters

Dave Purchase from the Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs

Jon Ichesco from the Michigan Fire Inspectors Society

Dale Hardy from the International Association of Arson Investigators

John Buczek from the Fraternal Order of Police

Alesha Gensler from Sen. Valde Garcia's office

Ken Fletcher from the Michigan State AFL-CIO

Andy Neumann, State of Michigan Fire Marshall

Nadine Nosal from the International Union - UAW

The following people filled out testimony cards in opposition to HB 4401 but did not want to testify.

Wendy Block from the Michigan Chamber of Commerce

Dyck Van Koevering from the Insurance Institute of Michigan

With no further business to come before the Committee Chair Miller adjourned the meeting, the time being 10:40 a.m.

Representative Fred Miller, Chair

Mary Lou Terrien, Clerk